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REPORT OF THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE ON ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION BONN, 24-27 JULY 2001

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I. OPENING OF THE SESSION
(Agenda item 1)

1. The fourteenth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) was held at the Maritim Hotel, Bonn, Germany from 24 to 27 July 2001.

2. The Chairman of the SBSTA, Mr. Harald Dovland (Norway), opened the session on 24 July and welcomed all Parties and observers to the session.

3. The Chairman explained that, in order to allow delegations to focus on the important tasks of the resumed sixth session of the Conference of the Parties (COP), the provisional agenda had been kept to a minimum. It included an item on progress reports on inter-sessional activities undertaken by the secretariat since the thirteenth session of the SBSTA, leaving a number of substantive items not included in the COP agenda for consideration by the SBSTA at its fifteenth session.

4. The Chairman noted that, initially, provision had been made for the SBSTA to take up any items referred to it by the Conference of the Parties at the second part of its sixth session. As no issue had been referred by the COP to the SBSTA, item 7 of the provisional agenda would not be taken up.

5. The Chairman drew the attention of the SBSTA to work to be done under the agenda of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) on issues relating to the ongoing review of greenhouse gas inventories from Parties included in Annex I to the Convention, the Consultative Group of Experts on National Communications from Parties not included in Annex I to the Convention, guidelines for the preparation of national adaptation programmes of action, and matters relating to the budget. He mentioned that aspects of this work may be referred to the SBSTA for consideration in the future. He encouraged representatives of Parties to discuss the budget of the secretariat with their colleagues because the SBSTA often generated work for the secretariat on issues such as greenhouse gas inventories, technology transfer, methodologies and guidelines.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS
(Agenda item 2)

A. Adoption of the agenda
(Agenda item 2 (a))

6. At its 1st meeting, on 24 July, the SBSTA considered the provisional agenda contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/1.

7. The SBSTA adopted the following agenda:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Organizational matters:
   (a) Adoption of the agenda;

(b) Organization of the work of the session;

(c) Election of officers other than the Chairman.

3. Reports on inter-sessional activities:

(a) Emissions resulting from fuel used in international transportation;

(b) Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation;

(c) Issues related to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products;

(d) Progress related to a technology information system;

(e) Article 6 of the Convention: Education, training and public awareness.

4. Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil.

5. "Best practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention.

6. Cooperation with relevant international organizations.

7. Any matters referred by the Conference of the Parties to the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice.

8. Report on the session.

B. Organization of the work of the session
(Agenda item 2 (b))

8. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st meeting, on 24 July. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/1. At the same meeting, Parties were provided with an update on the status of documentation and the suggested schedule of work.

C. Election of officers other than the Chairman
(Agenda item 2 (c))

1. Proceedings

9. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 1st and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/1.

10. At the 1st meeting, the Chairman informed the SBSTA that, according to rule 27 of the draft rules of procedure being applied, the SBSTA was expected to elect its Vice-Chairman and Rapporteur. At the same meeting, the Chairman stated that he had held consultations with the coordinators of the regional groups, with a view to receiving nominations for the vacant positions of the SBSTA.

11. At the 3rd meeting, on 27 July, the Chairman indicated that he had not completed his consultations and he would need to consult further on this matter.

2. Conclusions

12. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, the SBSTA invited the Chairman to continue consultations on the election of the other officers of the SBSTA with a view to the election being completed during the seventh session of the Conference of the Parties. It requested the current officers of the SBSTA to continue in office until their successors were elected.

III. REPORTS ON INTER-SESSIONAL ACTIVITIES
(Agenda item 3)

A. Emissions resulting from fuel used in international transportation
(Agenda item 3 (a))

1. Proceedings

13. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.1.

14. A statement was made by the representative of one Party, speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

15. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA took note of the progress report by the secretariat contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.1, which included information provided by the secretariats of the International Maritime Organization and the International Civil Aviation Organization;

(b) The SBSTA decided to consider this matter further at its fifteenth session.

B. Methods and tools to evaluate impacts and adaptation
(Agenda item 3 (b))

1. Proceedings

16. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4.

17. Statements were made by the representatives of two Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

18. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA took note of the report of the workshop on methodologies on climate change impact and adaptation held at Sainte Adèle, Canada, in June 2001 (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4). It drew the attention of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation to the conclusions of the workshop for consideration, as appropriate, in its future work related to adaptation;

(b) The SBSTA invited Parties to consider the information provided and to be prepared, at its fifteenth session, to give further consideration to planning its work on the methodologies to assess climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation. To facilitate consideration, the SBSTA invited Parties and organizations to submit their views on the issues identified in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4 by 1 October 2001 for compilation into a miscellaneous document;

(c) The SBSTA expressed appreciation to the Government of Canada and the United Nations Development Programme - Global Environment Facility (UNDP-GEF) for their support in organizing the UNFCCC workshop.

C. Issues related to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products

(Agenda item 3 (c))

1. Proceedings

19. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1.

20. A statement was made by the representative of one Party.

2. Conclusions

21. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA took note of submissions by Parties contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1;

(b) The SBSTA expressed appreciation to the Government of New Zealand for having organized a workshop relating to this issue;

(c) The SBSTA decided to consider this matter further at its fifteenth session.

D. Progress related to a technology information system

(Agenda item 3 (d))

1. Proceedings

22. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. The secretariat provided an oral report on its inter-sessional activities related to the development of a technology information system.

23. Statements were made by the representatives of two Parties.

2. Conclusions

24. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA took note of the progress made by the secretariat in developing a technology information system and invited Parties interested in testing the system to contact the secretariat[1] for a password to allow them to access the system;

(b) The SBSTA decided to consider this matter further at its fifteenth session.

E. Article 6 of the Convention: Education, training and public awareness
(Agenda item 3 (e))

1. Proceedings

25. The SBSTA considered this sub-item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. No new document was produced for this item.

26. Statements were made by the representatives of 17 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

2. Conclusions

27. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA thanked the secretariat for its oral report on Article 6 of the Convention on education, training and public awareness, and welcomed the fact that a new document would be available for its fifteenth session;

(b) The SBSTA noted that Article 6 should become a substantive item on the agenda of the SBSTA. The SBSTA suggested that, resources permitting, the secretariat might consider organizing a workshop, following the fifteenth session of the SBSTA, that would provide an opportunity for Parties to share their experience, the lessons learned and best practices in connection with Article 6 activities, and to discuss the prioritization of elements of a SBSTA work programme;

(c) The SBSTA noted with appreciation the efforts made by the secretariat to share experience and information products through side events and it encouraged, resources permitting, a wider dissemination through further development of web sites, clearing houses and resource centres, in cooperation with relevant organizations. In this regard, the SBSTA noted the significant contributions made by United Nations organizations, as well as other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, and invited them to provide information

[1] By e-mail at the following address: secretariat@unfccc.int

to the secretariat on their activities related to Article 6 following the fifteenth session of the SBSTA, in order that this information might be considered at a workshop;

(d) The SBSTA noted the importance of widely disseminating the information contained in the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in more than the six official United Nations languages and requested the secretariat to liaise with the IPCC on this matter;

(e) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to include information on options concerning the designation of a day to be observed as United Nations Climate Change Day in the document to be prepared for the fifteenth session of the SBSTA.

IV. SCIENTIFIC AND METHODOLOGICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSAL BY BRAZIL

(Agenda item 4)

1. Proceedings

28. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2.

29. Statements were made by the representatives of eight Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States.

30. At its 2nd meeting, on 24 July, the Chairman of the SBSTA invited Mr. David Warrilow (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland) and Mr. Luis Gylvan Meira Filho (Brazil) to hold informal consultations.

31. At the 3rd meeting, on 27 July, Mr. Warrilow reported on the informal consultations that he had co-chaired with Mr. Meira Filho relating to this item.

2. Conclusions

32. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, having considered an oral report by the co-chairmen of the informal consultations, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA recalled that the COP, at its third session, had decided that the proposal presented by Brazil in document FCCC/AGBM/1997/MISC.1/Add.3 should be referred to the SBSTA for its advice regarding the methodological and scientific aspects (FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1);

(b) The SBSTA took note of the progress report on the review of the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil contained in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2, including the conclusions of an expert meeting, held in Bonn from 28 to 30 May 2001, on the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal;

(c) The SBSTA encouraged Parties to pursue and support the research effort on the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil as recommended in document FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2 and to communicate such activities to the secretariat;

(d) The SBSTA requested the secretariat to continue to coordinate the review of this proposal, to facilitate the dissemination of scientific and methodological information on this proposal, to organize an expert meeting to share information on the development of the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil, to broaden participation and to build scientific understanding of this subject before its seventeenth session, and to prepare a report for that session. To this end, the SBSTA requested all Parties, especially those not included in Annex I to the Convention, to nominate additional experts to the UNFCCC roster of experts;

(e) The SBSTA decided to consider this matter further at its seventeenth session.

V. "BEST PRACTICES" IN POLICIES AND MEASURES AMONG PARTIES INCLUDED IN ANNEX I TO THE CONVENTION

(Agenda item 5)

1. Proceedings

33. The SBSTA considered this item at its 2nd and 3rd meetings, on 24 and 27 July respectively. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.2 and Add.1.

34. Statements were made by the representatives of 23 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States, one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China, one speaking on behalf of the Alliance of Small Island States and two speaking on behalf of the Central Group 11.

35. At its 2nd meeting, on 24 July, the Chairman of the SBSTA invited Mr. José Romero (Switzerland) and Mr. Richard Muyungi (United Republic of Tanzania) to hold informal consultations on this matter.

36. At the 3rd meeting, on 27 July, Mr. Romero reported on the informal consultations that he had co-chaired with Mr. Muyungi relating to this item.

37. At the 3rd meeting, some Parties expressed a wish to defer a planned workshop on this matter until the COP had adopted a decision on "best practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Other Parties expressed a strong preference for the workshop to be held. The Chairman, having noted the request made by the COP at the first part of its sixth session (FCCC/CP/2000/5/Add.2, section III, para. 9), confirmed that the workshop should take place.

2. Conclusions

38. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, having considered an oral report by the co-chairmen of the informal consultations, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

(a) The SBSTA took note of documents FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.2 and Add.1 containing submissions by Parties on terms of reference for a workshop on "good practices" in policies and measures;

(b) The SBSTA accepted with appreciation the offer of the Government of Denmark, in collaboration with Norway, to host an expert workshop on "good practices" in policies and measures in Copenhagen from 8 to 10 October 2001. Participation in the workshop would be open to experts from all interested Parties;

(c) The SBSTA concluded that the workshop should advance the work on sharing experience and exchanging information on "good practices" in policies and measures. To that end, it should build on the initial results obtained at the Copenhagen workshop on "best practices" in policies and measures held in 2000;

(d) The concept of "good practices" and "best practices" should be used as a framework for sharing experience and exchanging information. The detailed discussion should focus on "good practices" in policies and measures of Annex I Parties in relevant sectors, including innovative market-based instruments such as domestic emissions trading, as well as domestic voluntary agreements and cross-cutting issues. This detailed discussion should further include evaluation of the design and effectiveness of policies and measures, taking into account national circumstances, and those Parties minimizing adverse effects of their policies and measures on developing country Parties. A round table is envisaged with a particular focus on "best practices" in policies and measures for the countries with economies in transition;

(e) The SBSTA invited Parties to submit to the secretariat, by 30 August 2001, summaries of papers for presentation at the workshop, and requested the secretariat to prepare the agenda for the workshop. The necessary arrangements should be made to ensure participation in the workshop of experts from Parties eligible for funding;

(f) The SBSTA decided to consider the report of the workshop at its fifteenth session and report the results to the COP at its seventh session.

VI. COOPERATION WITH RELEVANT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
(Agenda item 6)

1. Proceedings

39. The SBSTA considered this item at its 1st and 2nd meetings on 24 July and again at its 3rd meeting, on 27 July. It had before it documents FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.3 and FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.3 and Add.1.

40. Statements were made by the representatives of 27 Parties, including one speaking on behalf of the European Community and its member States and one speaking on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

41. At the 2nd meeting, on 24 July, the Chairman of the SBSTA invited Mr. Ian Carruthers (Australia) and Ms Jimena Nieto Carrasco (Colombia) to hold informal consultations.

2. Conclusions

42. At its 3rd meeting, on 27 July, having considered a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA adopted the following conclusions:

Cooperation with other conventions

(a) The SBSTA emphasized the need for enhanced cooperation between the UNFCCC and other relevant conventions and stressed the importance of coordination at the national level;

(b) The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information on the issues relating to cooperation between the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UNFCCC provided by the Chairman of the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical and Technological Advice (SBSTTA) of the CBD. It also took note of the information provided by the secretariat in documents FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.3 and FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.3;

(c) The SBSTA welcomed the proposal by the SBSTTA of the CBD on potential areas of collaboration and coordinated action between the CBD and the UNFCCC. It encouraged Parties to promote the involvement of climate change expertise in the CBD pilot assessment of the interlinkages between climate change and biological diversity;

(d) The SBSTA endorsed the formation of a joint liaison group between the secretariats of the UNFCCC and the CBD and requested the secretariat of the UNFCCC to invite the secretariat of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification to participate in this liaison group in order:

(i) To enhance coordination between the three conventions, including the exchange of relevant information;

(ii) To explore options for further cooperation between the three conventions, including the possibility of a joint work plan and/or a workshop;

(e) The SBSTA requested the secretariat of the UNFCCC to invite representatives of other relevant instruments and bodies, including the IPCC, to participate in meetings of the liaison group, as appropriate. It requested the secretariat to report periodically to the SBSTA on the activities and proposals of the joint liaison group;

(f) The SBSTA invited Parties to submit their further views on cooperation between the three conventions as referred to in paragraph 42 (d) (i) above by 15 October 2001 for inclusion in a miscellaneous document;

(g) The SBSTA supported the request of the SBSTTA of the CBD that the IPCC develop a technical paper. It welcomed the scoping paper prepared by the IPCC. The SBSTA invited the IPCC to consider interlinkages between climate change, biodiversity and desertification in developing its technical paper. The SBSTA invited Parties to submit their views on the proposed IPCC technical paper by 1 September 2001 for inclusion in a miscellaneous document and also to forward their comments directly to the IPCC;

(h) The SBSTA agreed to consider these issues further at its fifteenth session;

Cooperation with scientific organizations

(i) The SBSTA took note of the completion of the IPCC Third Assessment Report (TAR) and commended the IPCC on the high quality of its scientific work. It also expressed its appreciation for the special presentations on the findings of the TAR made during the resumed sixth session of the COP. It requested the secretariat to put the TAR and the IPCC synthesis report on the agenda of the fifteenth session of the SBSTA;

(j) The SBSTA took note of the report made by the Director of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Secretariat, on behalf of the agencies participating in the Climate Agenda, on activities relating to decision 5/CP.5.[2] It noted that support is needed for GCOS workshops that are planned for the Caribbean and Central America and Asia regions in 2002. The SBSTA took note of the prospectus provided by the GCOS secretariat on a second assessment of the adequacy of the global climate observing system;

Cooperation with United Nations bodies

(k) The SBSTA noted with appreciation the information provided by the Director of the Forest Products Division of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) about the decisions taken by FAO committees on forestry and agriculture regarding activities relating to climate change.

VII. ANY MATTERS REFERRED BY THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE

(Agenda item 7)

43. Since no matters had been referred by the COP to the SBSTA, this agenda item was not taken up.

VIII. REPORT ON THE SESSION

(Agenda item 8)

44. At its 4th meeting, on 27 July, the SBSTA considered the draft report on its fourteenth session (FCCC/SBSTA/2001/L.1). At the same meeting, on a proposal by the Chairman, the SBSTA authorized the Rapporteur, with the assistance of the secretariat, to complete the report on the session, under the guidance of the Chairman.

IX. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

45. At the final meeting, on 27 July, the Chairman thanked representatives and the chairpersons of the informal consultations for their contributions.

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[2] For the full text of the decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session, see document FCCC/CP/1999/6/Add.1.

Annex

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BEFORE THE SUBSIDIARY BODY FOR SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVICE AT ITS FOURTEENTH SESSION

FCCC/SBSTA/2000/14	Report of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice on the second part of its thirteenth session, The Hague, 13-18 November 2000
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/1	Provisional agenda and annotations. Note by the Executive Secretary
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.1	Reports on inter-sessional activities. Emissions resulting from fuel used for international transportation
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.2	Scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil. Progress report on the review of the scientific and methodological aspects of the proposal by Brazil
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.3	Cooperation with relevant international organizations. Issues related to the Convention on Biological Diversity
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/INF.4	Reports on inter-sessional activities. Methods and tools to assess climate change impact and adaptation. Report of the workshop on methodologies on climate change impact and adaptation
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.1	Reports on inter-sessional activities. Issues related to emissions from forest harvesting and wood products. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.2 and Add.1	"Best practices" in policies and measures among Parties included in Annex I to the Convention. Submissions from Parties
FCCC/SBSTA/2001/MISC.3 and Add.1	Cooperation with relevant international organizations. Submissions from Parties

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